additional concession given by the Government even to the Vanniakula Kshatriyas and that it was only for the purpose of giving concession to Vanniakula Kshatriyas who went by some other name?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The hon. Member is quite correct.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Were the illustrious Padayachis of South Arcot district any time under the Criminal Tribes Act?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not know whether the 'illustrious' Padayachis were there, but some of them were under the Criminal Tribes Act.

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN : In view of the difficulties experienced by the Vanniakula Kshatriya and other communities, the Government and also the Minister, may I request the Hon. Minister to give full-fee concession to the children of all the backward communities and if finances permit, to give full-fee concession to all the poor students in the State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : We have already taken steps in that direction. The hon. Member has perhaps forgotten about it. We have given full-fee concession to all the poor students up to III Form and the VIII standard. We have not made any distinction between Backward and Forward community students. We have given full-fee concession to all poor students.

Compensation to textile workers

* 2510 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state how many mills have implemented the current shortage Special Tribunal award published on 10th February 1954?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Thirty-two mills as on 5th August 1955.

* 2511 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of mills that have given compensation for involuntary unemployment due to current cut or shortage;

(*b*) the number of mills that have appealed against giving compensation to workers; and

(*c*) the number of mills that have neither given compensation nor appealed against giving such compensation?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Thirty-two mills as on 5th August 1955.

(*b*) Thirty-six.

(*c*) Three.